GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3217
ANSWERED ON:16.03.2016
Poor Performance of RVNL
Tarai Smt. Rita

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the performance of the Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) has been very poor in executing the railway projects particularly in Odisha;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the reasons for awarding the Bhadrak to Vijayanagaram and Vijayanagaram to Sambalpur projects to RVNL when it could not complete the doubling of Rajathagarh-Barang project even after a lapse of more than 15 years; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to complete the projects in time?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3217 BY SHRIMATI RITA TARAI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.03.2016 REGARDING POOR PERFORMANCE OF RVNL.

(a)&(b): RVNL has completed/commissioned the following projects falling partly/fully in Odisha in the last five years:-

(i) Tomka-Banspani Railway Electrification (144 Km), commissioned in December, 2011.

(ii) Cuttack-Barang doubling (14.3 Km) including important bridges over Kathjodi and Kualchal; commissioned in 2015.

(iii) Khurda Road-Barang 3rd line (32.34 Km):- Khurda-Bhubaneswar(19 Km) section commissioned in 2012.

(iv) Rajathgarh-Barang doubling (29.32 Km): Rajathgarh-Ghantikal(9 Km) section commissioned in March 2011.

(v) Jaroli(Banspani)-Jakhapura doubling (170 Km): Sukinda-Baghuapal-Tomka(17 Km) section has been commissioned in 2015.

(c): The objective of assigning projects to Public Sector Undertakings such as RVNL is to complement Zonal Railway for execution of projects. The targets are fixed by Ministry of Railways on yearly basis based on the Gross Budgetary Support extended by Ministry of Finance in the beginning of the Year. RVNL has been able to complete the targets set on year to year basis.
With respect to doubling of balance section of Rajathgarh-Barang, work on major bridges across river Mahanadi (approximately 1 km long) has been completed. Section between Rajathgarh-Ghantikal (9 km) has been commissioned and works on remaining stretch are at an advanced stege.
(d): To expedite the completion, enhanced allocations is being made to the projects. This has been possible after Ministry of Railways have decided to take loan from LIC to the tune of `1.5 lakh crore. In addition, regular coordination meeting are held with State Government to resolve land acquisition and local law & order related problems at the highest level.
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